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no instance in which that was particularly objected to. On the whole, this meeting seemed to demonstrate that a considerable party could go on a week's herborizing, in quest of recreation, with as much success as if hunting, fishing or lounging at the seashore. It showed that a widening of the scope of territory covered was thoroughly practicable. It indicated that the symposium as the occasion of a mid-summer gathering or reunion of botanists is now assured and it proved that an absolutely informal gathering is not only most desirable but eminently successful.

It was decided to hold the next meeting somewhere in the highlands of New York, so as to make it practicable for the New England botanists to avail themselves of an invitation to join us, and it is predicted that next year's symposium will prove even a greater success; at all events we all promised ourselves to be on hand in 1906.

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#### NEWS ITEMS

J. Franklin Collins was appointed assistant professor of botany in Brown University at a meeting of the corporation of that institution held on June 22, 1905.

Dr. George T. Moore has resigned his position as algologist and physiologist in charge of the laboratory of plant physiology, Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Otis W. Barrett has resigned his post as entomologist and botanist of the Porto Rico Agricultural Experiment Station and has been appointed "plant introducer" in the Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Dr. John Hendley Barnhart, editor-in-chief of the publications of the Torrey Botanical Club, who attended the recent International Botanical Congress at Vienna as delegate from the New York Botanical Garden, returned to New York on August 2.